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GRAVES COUNTY FELON INDICTED ON POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL FIREARM

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that on May 15, 2007, a federal Grand Jury in Paducah returned an Indictment charging **NED BURNETT**, age 56, of 925 South 5th Street, Mayfield, Kentucky in Graves County, with possession of an illegal firearm, a Marlin, Model 75, .22 caliber rifle.

The Indictment charges that on December 11, 2006, Ned Burnett, a felon, knowingly possessed a Marlin Model 75 .22 caliber rifle.

Burnett has numerous felony convictions, including two third-degree burglary convictions and one first-degree wanton endangerment conviction.

If convicted, the minimum potential penalties are not less than 15 years with a maximum of life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of not more than 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Sparks, and it was investigated by the Mayfield Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

Burnett is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on June 13, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Paducah, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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